Municipal Building, Lodi, Cal., Feb. 7, 1916.

The Board of Trustees of the City of Lodi convened in regular session at 8:00 p.m. There were present Trustees Hale, Black, Keeney, Deaver and Folendorf.

Trustee Keeney acted as Clerk of the Board pro tem.
Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.
Attorney A. L. Levinsky, representing the California Traction Company and W. J. Robinson appeared before the Board relative to the construction of a spur track on Lodi Avenue to accommodate lots 7 and 8, Block 25, City of Lodi. The attorney presented a petition on behalf of W. J. Robinson asking permission to build such spur track.

W. H. Faust, representing the fire department, stated the fire alarm apparatus was out of order and complained about the lack of care of the fire truck; also suggested a number of amendments and additions to the present fire ordinance. Mr. Faust was requested to present a rough draft of the proposed amended ordinance.

President of the Board of Health Dr. Hopkins suggested a general cleanup of rubbish in order to rid the city of mosquitos; also asked that the water of the new city well be analyzed. Referred to committee of the whole.

Jas. T. Langford submitted a favorable report as to the advisability of continuing the Mason Brothers contract for electrical energy. Trustee Black moved, seconded by Trustee Folendorf, the report be accepted and placed on file. The motion carried unanimously.

Removal and building permits were granted to the following: F.W.Gilbeau, to move building six feet north at 114 North School street.

O. A. Schroeder, to move dwelling from lot west of the library on Pine street to lot north of the library on Pleasant Ave.

H.F.Ellis, private garage 309 East Locust street. John Hepper, addition to dwelling 221 Rush avenue.

J. V. Thompson, to tear down building at 17 North School St. J.D.Crose, add to building at 7 North Sacramento street.

Superintendent Henning presented a proposed contract with the General Electric Company for the purchase of transformers, recommending that the city enter into the same; also contract with the same company for the purchase of lamps through their local agent, Wallace & Smith, Upon motion of Trustee Deaver, seconded by Trustee Black, the execution of the above mentioned contracts were authorized.

F. E. Wright's application for permit to install a Bowser pump and gasoline tank under the sidewalk on North School street was referred to the Committee on Public Health and Safety.

Engineer Barzellotti and Superintendent Henning recommended construction of storm sewers to relieve storm water conditions on Sacramento street between Locust and Lockeford streets, and Pine street at Church. On motion of Trustee Folendorf, seconded by Trustee Black, they were authorized to proceed with the work

at once as outlined in the recommendation.

The report of City Marshal Colemen for the month of January was read and ordered filed.

The report of Sewer Inspector Henning for the month of January was read and ordered filed.

The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company requested the City to sell a one-half interest in two 30-ft city poles, north line of alley next south of Chestnut street, between School and Sacramento streets; and one 35-ft city pole, northwest corner Sacramento and Walnut streets. Superintendent Henning was authorized to ascertain value and send bill.

In the matter of the Southern Pacific's request for reduction in rate for water supplied Trustee Deaver moved, seconded by Trustee Folendorf, the company be notified that hereafter the City will furnish water at ten cents per one thousand gallons. The motion was carried. BESCHILL OF

WHEREAS, One of the essential elements in the progress and development of a modern city is a proper provision for the recreation, pleasure and happiness of its people; and

WHEREAS, A city, having a salubrious climate, fertile soil and an abundance of water, is in a position to make such provision at a minimum of cost; and

WHEREAS, The City of Lodi, being so fortunately situated, yet has no public park, although possessing sufficient land at the gateway to our city by both lines of rail transportation; therefore be it RESOLVED, That the public health, pleasure, convenience and ne-

cessity require at least one public park within the city;

That the municipally owned land at the southwest corner of Sacramento street and Lodi Avenue, and designated as lots One, Two and Three of Larson's Addition to Lodi, is a fit, suitable and convenient location for a public park;

That said land be and the same is hereby declared to be and is set aside for use as a public park to be known as

That the necessary steps be promptly taken to clear said lot and plant and park the same.

The above resolution providing for a public park was adopted by the following vote: Ayes: Hale, Folendorf, Black, Deaver and Keeney. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Declaring intention of the Board of Trustees to call for an election of a Board of Freeholders to frame a charter for the City of Lodi.

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the State of California provides that cities having a population of 3500 may adopt a freeholders charter, and this board having taken the matter under advisement and made investigations and having ascertained and determined that the City of Lodi exceeds 3500 inhabitants, and the Board so finds, and believes that it is for the interest of the people of this city, that they be permitted to vote upon the election of a Board of Freeholders; therefore belit

RESOLVED, That at the general municipal election to be held in said City of Lodi on Monday the loth day of April, 1916, there be elected a Board of fifteen freeholders who shall possess the qualifications and shall be elected in accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of California providing for the election of free-holders to prepare and propose a charter for municipalities.

And it is further ordered that the City Clerk of the City of Lodi in the notice of election to be prepared, posted and published by him specify among the other officers to be elected, the said Board of fifteen free-holders, and the fifteen free-holders voted for at said election who shall possess the qualifications prescribed by law and the fifteen receiving the highest number of votes cast shall constitute the Board of Free-holders, whose duty it shall be to prepare and propose a charter for the said City of Lodi in accordance with the said provision of the Constitution of the State of California.

The foregoing resolution introduced by Trustee Deaver was adopted as read by the following vote: Ayes-Trustees Hale, Black, Folendorf, Deaver and Keeney. Nays-None.

Trustee Deaver, having been delegated by the Board of Trustees to supervise the taking of a census of the city, presented his written report showing as a result of such census a population of 3512. The report was accompanied by certificate and affidavit of enumerators. Upon motion regularly made, seconded and carried, the report was adopted and ordered filed.

Bills amounting to \$3066.93, having been approved by the fin-ance committee, upon motion were allowed and ordered paid.

The Board adjourned to meet again Monday, February 14th.

Attest:

City Clerk pro tem.